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Dear Dr. Summerson:

1... After reading your agency's Executive Summary YUCCA MOUNTAIN SCIENCE & ENGINEERING REPORT, USDOE/RW-0539, May 2001---The magnitude of the disposal dilemma leads me to wonder why nuclear power has not been replaced with other methods of generating energy.

To have this kind of dilemma with the inherent dangers indicates to me that we need to re-evaluate our dependence on, and use of, nuclear energy.

The report seems to thoroughly explore options, but the report does not give me confidence that even if Yucca Mountain is selected, that nuclear waste can safely be disposed of--ANYWHERE.

Note the following comments from the above-referenced booklet: ...DOE anticipates...might have...may reduce...may also...is intened to...could minimize...might eventually be...should be able to...are expected to...is not expected to...the most likely way...may behave...may affect...could affect...most of it may...it is likely that...might limit...possible reducing...expected duration...is expected to be...will probably...

2 [Is reprocessing the nuclear waste into fuel a possible solution to our disposal dilemma?] France and Japan reprocess their waste into fuel, per the enclosed Parade Magazine comments of 27 May 2001, page 11--see attached.

...1 [Where will the spent nuclear waste generated in another hundred years be put? In another two hundred years? In another three hundred years, etc???????

We need research and development of alternate sources of power.

Thank you for allowing me to submit my comments, even though it is after your 06 July 2001 deadline.

Sincerely,

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